





# THE ADAMS SENTINEL AND GENERAL ADVERTISER.

To the Public:

The use of my name in connection with a *Democratic* County Convention and its present position on the *Union* County Committee, together with many letters from gentlemen of private and political eminence, seem to justify and require that I should, to some extent, define my position on the great issue now before the country, and explain the reason why I shall advocate the election of the *Confederate Union* Ticket.

The present crisis in our National affairs involves our dearest political interests, invades with portentous threatening to the heartstone of every citizen, and demands a full and honest exposition of private views.

When the *existence* of that *Union*, under whose auspices we have attained such an unparalleled National and individual prosperity, is assailed, the citizens duty goes beyond the pale of private life, and peer and peasant are alike public characters.

With these convictions, and deep solicitude for the welfare of my country, I seek to respond in a manner that should have at least the merit of sincerity.

My life-long identity with the Democratic party is doubtless known to all my friends. Her principles I have ever deemed essentially interwoven with the public weal, and I can now review her career with honest approbation.

But the day is now when party bickerings must be laid aside—when platforms must be forgotten—lines of distinction effaced, and all clinging to the glorious "Stars and Stripes" for the preservation of the *Union*.

Party predilection and factional interests should ever be subordinate to patriotism. And when our wounded Country calls, her sons should deem it a nobler duty to sacrifice their all, than to weep at her sepulchre.

To this end I then frankly avow that it is the aim of the present Democratic organization to stand by the *Union UNCONDITIONALLY*—to support the Federal Administration in the present war for the maintenance of the *Union*, until that purpose shall be fully and finally accomplished; then am I their friend and co-advisor—otherwise, I am not.

I hold that all candidates now before the people for elevation to office at the coming election should be unconditional Union Men—in favor of a vigorous prosecution of the war—opposed to all compromises, while traitors are in arms against their country, and entirely free from Southern sympathy.

I declare this decidedly that I may not be misunderstood. There is no neutral position in this matter. And our choice is between ardent and efficient supporters of the Federal Administration, on the one hand, and its severest, though not the less determined, opposers on the other. Let others take whichever side they may—I stand by the *Union*.

I am aware that unscrupulous politicians, in association with other citizens whose peace pretensions override a true sense of duty, have advanced the idea with honeyed plausibility, that the war is unnecessary.

A true refutation of this heresy is found in the basis upon which the enemy began this war, and the view with which he sustains it.

The first fact at the threshold of this war, is the proposed destruction of the *Union* by the so-called Southern Confederacy—This purpose is avowed in all their State papers in no uncertain terms, and as yet no shadow of sufficient cause for an end so vile, has been submitted to the people of either section.

Whichever may have been the apprehensions of the South on Mr. Lincoln's accession to the Presidential chair, certain it is, they held in both Houses of Congress the balance of power, thus rendering the Executive practically incapable of good or harm, without their concurrence.

The withdrawal of Southern Members from our National Councils under these circumstances, rationally contradicts the asserted aggressions of the North; either in fact or apprehension, upon Southern rights, as the causes of the war; and their subsequent confederation of Southern States upon grounds entirely alien to the excusatory motives assigned them, together with their repeated declaration of averseness to "compromise or adjustment on any terms," most certainly indicates a *causus determinatio* to *destroy this Union as the only possible and motive of their rebellion*.

The latter incompatibility of local interests and institutions between the two sections, has been the favorite theme of Southern Statesmen.

Disloyalty, without the assertion of adequate cause, has characterized their speeches for thirty years; and now, while we look in speechless wonder for the causes of this dreadful development, we are told, they are but the culmination of Southern plots, coeval with the heresies of Calhoun.

The destruction of the *Union*, then, is the Southerns motive of the war—*our* is its preservation; and the question which settles the merit of a war amounts simply to this—*is this Union worthy of preservation?*

This is the only question for us to settle. It is a question involving not merely sectional interests, but penetrating every home in the land, and implicating the dearest rights and blessings of every citizen. Its decision, moreover, looks to results not exclusively personal, but such a fierce posterity rather than ourselves.

I address myself, of course, to the great "Middle Class," which make up, and constitute this great Nation—a class, who, *only*, have their all to lose in the overthrow of the Government.

The class, which gives authority to rulers, and criticizes and rewards their stewardship—the arbiters, under Providence, of their own affairs. And to them upon whom the Nation rests, I would address myself, in all sincerity.

"Cast your eyes across the world," (says a writer) and behold the tendency of every other form of Government to separate mankind into two classes, the upper and lower; while that of yours, is to elevate the masses, equally." In every other country, position and power belong to the aristocracy as a right; in our country, they are "free and equal, to all."

In other lands, Rulers, Heroes, and Statesmen, exalt themselves from the privileged orders.

But in our own, they spring from the public classics—the only lords of the land and sovereigns of the soil.

"Would you maintain your existence, then preserve this Union, for you are its offspring."

"Will you permit the destruction of this Union?" Does it not freely open to you every avenue to success, in the pursuit of every legitimate ambition or desire? So far from thwarting proper enterprise, does it not practically invite you to the noblest aspirations of which man is capable? Has

not this blessed *Union* been your best and many instances your only friend, stimulating with brightest hope, serving you with a personal independence it only could confer and ever shielding you with its prompt and mighty arm? Does it not come down to your heartstone, and point your little ones to its highest honors? Does it not as sure equality of respect and privilege, get the peasants cottage and Merchant's palace?

These are daily blessings, and though their value may be lost sight of in your familiarity with them; yet, they are beyond those of any other claim and compose the perfection of political happiness.

It behoves you to remember, gracefully that under God, the *Union* and the *Union* only dispense these glorious gifts. Our existence as a class, with all our incomparable privileges, are equally its offspring—Destroy this *Union* and we are destroyed.

It is an outrage upon history and violence to reason to presume, that similar conditions can attend any change in our political economy.

Our social and political liberties and enjoyments are the results traceable directly and exclusively to the *Union* "as it exists."

The slightest modification of them is our ruin, and the moment we disturb this Union, these results cease forever.

We are thus vitally identified with this Union; as well as our weal, its life our life, and when it falls, if fall it must, we should drag our households with mourning and wail sons and daughters of the Nation, for degradation and misery are the inheritance of your children.

I have chosen this view of the case for the present, that we may realize our personal interest in this contest, and the stake we have in the issue of this war.

It is well to turn aside from sectional considerations a moment, to ponder the personal destiny involved in this stupendous rebellion. I would have you feel the great truth, that your children's richest blessings are in contest, and that false views of duty may lose them forever.

I propose, with your permission, a future address upon other points of equal importance, but for the present, I will have you reflect upon the golden days through which as a people we have passed; and as you recapitulate your blessings I invoke your solemn supplication to the God of battles, that the dim and rash of war is past—

JOSEPH S. GITT.  
New Oxford, Sept. 21, 1861.

Communicated.

SAD ACCIDENT.—On the 10th of August, whilst Mr. JACOB LEAGY, of Butler township, was engaged in threshing grain with a machine, a whang of the strap of the machine tore whilst in motion.

The driver caught one span and Mr. LEAGY, who was driving the machine, caught the other. While in the act of doing this, a boy, some 13 years of age, who was handing sheaves, ran to the opposite side of the machine and took hold of the loose end of the strap, and was caught and drawn up to the cylinder, which was still in rapid motion. By some means or other, (for it is a mystery to all present) it broke his arm in two places above the wrist and elbow. The limb was condemned by three physicians, and in order to save the life of the lad it was found necessary to amputate it. He is now doing well. This is a brief statement of the facts, to those who have been circulating false reports in regard to this sad affair could be better employed and are warned to be careful as to what they may say in the future.

II.—

OUR friend GEO. D. STOVEN presented us with a basket of west spiced Peaches, on which our folks luxuriated.—Thank you.

III.—

MARRIED.—On the 23d inst., by the Rev. T. P. Burcher, Mr. JOHN H. TAWNEY, Jr., to Miss AMANDA CLAY SADDLE, both of Mountaintown.

On the 13th inst., by the Rev. J. C. McLean, Mr. DAVID C. POLLACK, of Cambridge, Guernsey county, O., to Miss MAGGIE L., daughter of Samuel McLean, of Morrow county, O., and formerly of Adams county, Pa.

On the 17th inst., by the Rev. Jacob Ziegler, Mr. JOHN RICE, of Franklin township, to Miss MARY E. BROWN, of Butler township.

On the same day, by the same Mr. DAVID C. POLLACK, to Miss LEAH L. WRIGHT, both of Butler township.

On the 1st inst., at the Rev. Lutheran parsonage, in Littlestown, Rev. S. Henry Mr. CHRISTIAN RECKMYER to Miss ROSETTA WISEMAN—both of Adams county.

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